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For: PIEZOELECTRIC FUEL INJECTION)
SYSTEM WITH RATE SHAPE)
CONTROL AND METHOD OF)
CONTROLLING SAME)

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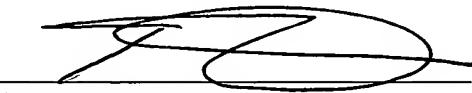
A discussion of U.S. Patent No. 5,819,704 to Tarr et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,779,149 to Hayes, Jr. and U.S. Patent No. 6,253,736 to Crofts et al. is given in the specification at pages 1-3.

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